

## SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

The final round of the Second Division Premiership will be played this weekend with Merewether playing Young Wallsend on Saturday and Young Wallsend requiring a win with a large score to give them an outside chance of a semi-final berth. But this is contingent upon Dudley-Redhead being defeated.

On Sunday, Weston is at home to Jesmond and although the result will in no way affect the position of either team, it is felt that Weston will prove too strong for their visitors.

Belmont-Swansea will be at home to Slavia United and after holding Weston to a 1-3 defeat, Slavia United can be expected to really extend the Belmont-Swansea boys and this has all the ear marks of being the most attractive figure of the weekend.

The premiership runners-up, Pan Hellenic, will visit the coalfields to meet Kearsley, who have slumped this season having won only four games this season, so

that Pan Hellenic should have no difficulty in maintaining their position on the competition table.

The remaining fixture is between Charlestown and Dudley-Redhead and the latter team requires at least a draw to ensure it a semi-final berth and on form it should have no great difficulty in securing this point at least.

The Third Division premiership is really developing into a really close contest for with four rounds to be played, only three points separate four teams vying for two semi-final berths, whilst only two points separate the two teams battling for the 1964 premiership.

On Saturday, Toronto Diggers at present enjoying third position (goal averages), visits Stockton at Toronto and as Stockton have only won one match Diggers should have no difficulty in registering another win.

All roads on Sunday will lead to Bellbird, where the battle of the giants between

Bellbird and Hamilton Azzuri will be staged.

Hamilton Azzuri at present on 32 points has scored 63 goals and conceded 15, giving them an average of 4.2, whilst Bellbird on 30 points has scored 71 goals and conceded 23 with an average of 3.08. A win to Bellbird therefore would put them on equal points with Hamilton Azzuri, but they would require a 7-0 victory to then beat them on goal averages whilst a win to Hamilton Azzuri would, barring accidents, practically assure them of the 1964 premiership and promotion to Second Division in 1965.

Macquarie Wanderers meet Newcastle Tech. and unless the unexpected happens, the home team should at least hold their position on the premiership table.

South Wallsend visits The Entrance and they also should maintain their position with a fairly easy win.

The remaining fixture is between Teachers' College and Barnsley and whilst the "home" team has only won

one game, Barnsley is not consistent in their form consequently, although Barnsley should win, their is no more or less, a confident approach.

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**WE TOLD YOU — MAITLAND IS DOWN BUT NOT OUT IF THE PIRATES GIVE 'EM A GO!**

Well, it happened! Maitland crashed. Now it plumpets to the Second Division.

That's bad luck for a struggling club but it's the way things go in Soccer—and Maitland will not be the last club to experience the pangs of disappointment at losing status. It is a fate that will overtake many of the nine clubs which remain in the First Division, for everyone's turn comes, sooner or later.

And, when all is said and done, Maitland might be fortunate that it is experiencing its reverses early in its life.

"Northern Soccer News" told you last week that John Sullivan, Maitland's president said: "We've been down before and got up again and we'll do it once more."

A spell in Second Division, in which the team should do well, will give the Maitland Club a breath-

ing space in which to group its resources for a further assault on the First Division citadel. The club has struggled against the increasing odds of small financial support and rising costs in an effort to keep up with the Jones—in this case, the richer clubs in First Division.

Maitland tried hard enough. It brought players from overseas, made efforts to mould a top-class side—and there is no doubt the team played much good football during the season—and was sufficiently enthusiastic to merit greater success. But it lacked the financial backing needed to establish itself in the big time. Now it has a chance to take stock, examine its failures and guard against them for the future. After all, it has been in divisional football for only four years, two of which it has spent in the First Division, so that it has not done badly.

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## GARRETT TO COACH TEAM

Tommy Garrett, of Newcastle Austral, is to take charge of a Northern Soccer League squad from which a team will be selected to do battle with teams from South Australia, Tasmania and the N.S.W. Federation (Sydney) before the season is out.

With some stars being included in the under 19

squad of 25 players, there may be some surprises but, from what is learned, Garrett is sanguine he can develop the available material into the top-class side the North needs to further its prestige.

We hope to tell you more about the side and the dates for the matches in the next issue.

## DAWSON HAS UNDER 19's

Tommy Dawson, Lake Macquarie's brilliant coach, it to take charge of the Northern Soccer League under 19 squad from which the team to represent the league in the Australian championship in Adelaide in October will be named.

Dawson, we learn, is to have complete control of the squad—and he lost no time in getting down to taws with it, for he called for a training session with 24 hours of the players being announced.

He should be left alone to his task, without official let or hindrance. That's the way he wants it and that's the way he should have it.

Under Dawson's watchful and discerning eye, a side that can stand the North in good stead for seasons to come can be formed—and it might also bring the national title back from Adelaide.

The players, all under 19 years of age on January 1, read well, although it is unfortunate that Ray Baartz and Doug Johns, of Adamstown, who are off to Manchester United at any tick of the clock, were not available. With them in the line-

up the squad would read as being the best the North could produce.

The players named are—J. Smith, R. Holland, G. Pinches, P. Pont (Awaba), W. Armstrong, S. Mullawa, D. Ahrens, K. Irwin (West Wallsend), P. Northey, W. Wahlstedt (Cardiff), P. Anderson (Pan Hellenic), J. Wellham, J. Woods, T. King, J. Boardman, R. Herbert, G. Mascord, D. Wright (Lake Macquarie), C. Curran (Adamstown), D. Smith (Mayfield), B. Mowatt, I. Main (Cessnock), W. Tisdale (Wallsend), P. Gleeson, G. Marshall (Austral).

A side from this list could be developed into a show-piece for Northern Soccer and, with the training and coaching the players will receive, could be one that could give a lesson or two to some of the First Division sides.

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## LAKE TEAM'S FINE RECORD ONE OF WHICH ANY NORTHERN SIDE MIGHT WELL BE PROUD

By PAUL MACKENZIE

Lake Macquarie has ended the Northern Soccer League's First Division premiership with a record of which the club may be proud.

It is no small task to go through the testing series of 18 matches, in many different types of conditions, and lose only one match—but that's what Lake Macquarie did. And it lost that match by only one goal—the only one of a match played in a near gale.

The consistency of Lake Macquarie was remarkable. It broke no scoring records and averaged only two goals a game but its defensive effort was near to astounding for, in 18 matches, it conceded only 17 goals!

One doubts that there has been a better record than that in Northern Soccer history.

Newcastle Austral had the best "home" record for, although Lake Macquarie and

Awaba were the only other sides to lose only one match on their own grounds, each played in two drawn fixtures while Newcastle Austral won eight of its nine fixtures on its own playing pitch.

Lake Macquarie was the only side not to be beaten away from its own ground.

Awaba was the top scoring team with a total of 54 goals, one more than Austral and two more than Wallsend, which had a big lead half-way through the season.

West Wallsend had more goals scored against it than any other side.

The main statistics from the premiership are—

MOST POINTS — Lake

Macquarie, 29.

HOME RECORD — Newcastle Austral, 16 points

in possible 18.

AWAY RECORD — Lake Macquarie, unbeaten and

15 points in possible 18.

MOST GOALS — Awaba

54.

LEAST GOALS — Mait-

land 24.

MOST DRAWS — Lake

Macquarie, 5.

LEADING SCORER — K.

Twidle (Newcastle Aus-

tral) 20.

GOAL AVERAGE — 2.15

a match.

BEST TEAM AVERAGE

— Awaba, 3 goals a

match.

LOWEST TEAM AVER-

AGE — Maitland, 1.3 a

match.

LONGEST RUN WITH-

OUT LOSS—Lake Mac-

quarie, 12 matches.

Averages for the teams

were—

Lake Macquarie .... 2.11

Newcastle Austral 1.62

Awaba .... 1.54

Wallsend .... 1.30

Mayfield .... .911

17 wins in 18 matches. It goes into the First Division next season, while Maitland will replace it in the Second Division.

Belmont-Swansea, top team in the Second Division Reserve grade, also has had a great season for it has won 15 and drawn one of its 17 matches, scoring 68 goals and conceding only 13.

## Soccer Draw for Craven 'A' £500 Competition

The Northern Soccer League yesterday announced the draw for the Craven A £500 competition. Matches are—

SEPTEMBER 12 — Cardiff v. Maitland (Match No. 1), West Wallsend v. Cessnock (No. 2).

SEPTEMBER 13—Mayfield United v. Weston (No. 3), Wallsend or Adamstown v. Pan Hellenic (No. 4).

SEPTEMBER 19 — Winner match 1 v. Wallsend or Adamstown (No. 5), winner match 2 v. Awaba (No. 6).

SEPTEMBER 20 — Winner match 3 v. Newcastle match 4 v. Lake Macquarie (match 8).

SEPTEMBER 27 or OCTOBER 4 — Winner match 6 v. winner match 8 (No. 9), winner match 5 v. winner match 7 (No. 10).

OCTOBER 4 or 11 — match 10, winner match 9 v. winner match 10.

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
ADAMSTOWN	18	13	3	2	66	17	29
WALLSEND	18	11	4	3	58	21	26
AWABA	18	11	3	4	45	19	25
CARDIFF	18	10	4	4	45	21	24
LAKE MACQ.	18	10	2	6	41	32	22
CESSNOCK	18	8	2	8	24	31	18
WEST WALLSEND	18	4	4	10	31	41	12
MAYFIELD	18	4	2	12	24	50	10
N'CLE. AUSTRAL	18	4	1	13	25	50	9
MAITLAND	18	2	1	15	19	96	5

TOTALS 180 77 26 77 378 378 180

# SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	18	17	0	1	76	22	34
PAN HELLENIC	17	12	3	2	58	23	27
BELMONT-SWAN.	17	11	2	4	56	26	24
DUDLEY-RED.	18	10	2	6	50	43	22
YOUNG WALL.	18	7	4	7	32	42	18
JESMOND	18	7	3	8	40	35	17
KEARSLEY	18	4	2	12	27	46	10
CHARLESTOWN	18	4	2	12	27	59	10
SLAVIA UTD.	18	3	4	11	21	51	10
MEREWETHER	18	3	0	15	32	72	6

TOTALS 178 78 22 78 419 419 178

# SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
BELMONT-SWAN.	17	15	1	1	68	13	31
WESTON	18	15	1	2	77	21	31
CHARLESTOWN	18	10	4	4	44	32	24
YOUNG WALL.	18	9	2	7	38	34	20
DUDLEY-RED.	18	8	3	7	49	33	19
JESMOND	18	7	2	9	48	42	16
PAN HELLENIC	17	5	2	10	30	44	12
KEARSLEY	18	3	5	10	23	47	11
SLAVIA UTD.	18	4	2	12	22	57	10
MEREWETHER	18	2	0	16	9	85	4

TOTALS 178 78 22 78 408 408 178

# THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HAM. AZZURI	19	15	2	2	64	19	32
BELBIRD	19	15	2	2	75	24	32
TORONTO DIGGS	19	13	2	4	53	27	28
STH. WALLSEND	19	13	2	4	57	34	28
MACQ. WANDS.	19	12	3	4	78	25	27
NELSON BAY	19	10	3	5	62	31	23
BARNSELY	19	8	2	9	58	48	18
TECH. COLL.	19	6	2	11	29	60	14
THE ENTRANCE	19	5	1	13	28	89	11
TEACHERS' COLL.	19	3	1	15	30	93	7
STOCKTON	19	3	0	16	23	107	6

TOTALS 209 103 20 85 557 557 226

Because of the bye each weekend in the Third Division premiership—each team receiving two points for it—it is not possible to balance the table as in other divisions.

# FIRST DIVISION SEMI-FINAL

## N'cle. Austral v. Wallsend

(Mauve with White)

(Red with White)

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. J. Lanzoni    | 1. A. Hourigan |
| 2. E. Sokolowski | 2. D. Morrow   |
| 3. R. Dean       | 3. K. Nolan    |
| 4. J. Doolan     | 4. W. Davies   |
| 5. R. McKenzie   | 5. D. Bullen   |
| 6. R. Lloyd      | 6. G. Green    |
| 7. K. Twidle     | 7. B. Morrow   |
| 8. W. Baron      | 8. J. Morrow   |
| 9. T. Garrett    | 9. K. Whitmore |
| 10. W. Harvey    | 10. R. Giles   |
| 11. W. Paton     | 11. K. Pringle |

# SECOND DIVISION SEMI-FINAL

## Pan Hellenic v. Dudley-Red.

Blue & White

Black & White

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. L. Thompson   | 1. N. Lennox    |
| 2. C. Trypas     | E. McKernan     |
| 3. L. Kaimakamis | 2. J. Jarvie    |
| 4. W. Paddock    | 3. D. Iles      |
| 5. P. Anderson   | 4. J. Hopkins   |
| 6. M. Aglias     | W. Russell      |
| 7. J. Pappas     | 5. W. Screen    |
| 8. T. Rufo       | 6. K. Jarvie    |
| 9. J. Ellis      | 7. G. Roach     |
| 10. J. Paddock   | 8. R. Hope      |
| 11. R. Fakes     | 9. P. Nix       |
|                  | 10. P. Atkinson |
|                  | 11. G. Jones    |
|                  | Reserves:       |
|                  | 1. A. Arnold    |
|                  | 2. T. Burridge  |

## ALL SOCCER PLAYERS TAKE NOTE!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1964, AT 7.30 P.M.

at

WALLSEND SOCCER FOOTBALL GROUND

A further meeting of the newly formed Players' Committee (Union) will take place. A Special Legal Report will be given which concerns all First, Second and Third Division players.

All members and intending members are asked to attend.

—Publicity Officer.

# NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

## HOME MATCHES

## AWAY MATCHES

## TOTALS

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	6	2	1	16	6	14	6	3	0	20	11	15	18	12	5	1	36	17	29
AUSTRAL	8	0	1	35	16	16	4	1	4	18	16	9	18	12	1	5	53	32	25
AWABA	6	2	1	31	14	14	5	1	3	23	22	11	18	11	3	4	54	35	25
WALLSEND	6	1	2	32	15	13	2	3	4	20	25	7	18	8	4	6	52	39	20
ADAMSTOWN	6	0	3	24	19	12	3	3	4	22	21	8	18	9	2	7	46	40	20
MAYFIELD	4	3	2	24	21	11	2	0	7	17	24	4	18	6	3	9	41	45	15
CARDIFF	4	1	4	19	19	9	2	0	7	16	29	4	18	6	1	11	35	48	13
WEST WALLSEND	3	0	6	21	29	6	2	2	5	18	23	6	18	5	2	11	39	52	12
CESSNOCK	2	3	4	18	24	7	2	0	7	10	25	4	18	4	3	11	28	49	11
MAITLAND	2	2	5	6	19	6	1	2	6	18	30	4	18	3	4	11	24	49	10
TOTALS	47	14	29	226	182	108	29	14	47	182	226	72	180	76	28	76	408	408	180

## SOCCER DOWN ANOTHER TWO

Soccer has suffered blows in the loss of some noted stalwarts in the game in recent months.

The last week has brought the passing of two more who were respected in the game and made valuable contributions to it.

Roy Druery, of Wallsend, passed away on Tuesday and Albert Tobin—known far and wide as "Buck"—on Wednesday.

The game is the poorer for their passing and so too are their many friends.

Roy Druery, who had lived in Wallsend for most of his life, was keenly interested in Wallsend Soccer Club and was one who helped in the movement which resulted in the club securing the Crystal Palace ground. His was a keen administrative brain and he

moved upward in the game's official circles till he became Secretary of the Australian Soccer Football Association, which is about as high one could go in the game in Australia.

He was also treasurer of the N.S.W. Soccer Football Association.

Mr. Druery organised tours, to and from Australia, from as far back as most enthusiasts can remember, out perhaps his most notable effort of organisation was when he controlled the tournament at the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956.

Later, Mr. Druery went to Zurich to endeavour to have the Federation of International Football Associations lift the suspension it had imposed on Australia because overseas players were allowed to take part in

competition play in this country.

Mr. Druery was a kindly man, with a depth of understanding. He was too often blamed for happenings which were none of his making. Many decisions which were deservedly unpopular with players, were laid at his door when he was merely carrying out the instructions of the Australian Association. He was too often blamed for decisions in which he had no part. But he was too loyal to try to shift the blame on to the shoulders of others.

Roy Druery had a hard row to hoe in Soccer but did not complain about the difficulty of his task and, instead, cheerfully made the best of it.

He did his best for the game—and no one can do more than that.

"Buck" Tobin is probably not even a name to Soccer enthusiasts of recent generations but to those who followed the code in the 1930's, his was a name to be repeated with some awe.

He played for Wallsend and was one of the top defenders of his day.

He played in several State teams and then went to the South Coast to work and play. He became recreation officer for Lysaght's and, after retiring from the game, coached the Lysaght's team. He will be remembered with affection by all those whose Soccer memories are long.—P. McK.

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## KEN TWIDLE—TOP GOAL SCORER IN NORTH

Ken Twidle, of Newcastle Austral, headed the premiership goal scoring list.

He finished with 20 goals in the 18 matches, to be three in front of Ron Giles, of Wallsend, and four in front of Doug Field, of Awaba, who finished a goal in front of his team mate Bob Burgoyne. Ken Whitmore, of Wallsend, also scored 15 times.

Dulio Schio, of Cardiff scored 14 of Cardiff's 35 goals.

Awaba scored more goals than any other team but only six players had a share in notching them.

The full list of scorers in premiership matches is—

AWABA.—54 goals: D. Field 16, R. Burgoyne 15, G. Pinches 10, B. Sharp 9, H. Goodsir 3, R. Holland 1.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL.—53: K. Twidle 20, W. Paton 7, T. Garrett 6, W. Harvey 5, K. Solway 4, A. Halpin 3, W. Barron 3, R. Lloyd 2, G. Marshall 2, R. Dean 1.

WALLSEND.—52: R. Giles 17, K. Whitmore 15, B. Morrow 9, K. Pringle 5, W. Tisdale 2, J. Morrow 1, W. Davies 1, P. O'Brien 1, J. Woods (Lake Macquarie) own goal.

ADAMSTOWN.—46: A. Simmons 8, R. Howells 8, W. Cook 7, C. Curran 5, B. Daykin 5, R. Baartz 4, D. Johns 4, R. Dobbins 3,

R. Cameron 1, T. Garrett (Newcastle Austral) 1.

MAYFIELD UNITED.—41: K. Ross 10, B. Lewsam 8, K. McGuinness 7, A. Skelly 5, R. Price 4, W. Humphris 3, B. Humphris 2, W. Sheehan 1, J. Dolan (Awaba) own goal.

WEST WALLSEND.—39: K. Irwin 9, D. Ahrens 9, J. Sheen 7, W. Green 4, K. Kaiser 3, T. Yeats 3, S. Mullawa 2, J. Hugo 1, R. Hitchcock (Awaba) own goal.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—36: A. Pajkovic 11, T. Hinchcliffe 11, D. Wright 4, J. Doyle 4, J. Woods 2, W. Whitelaw 1, J. King 1, J. Hitchcock 1, G. Boardman 1.

CARDIFF.—35: D. Schio 14, M. Black 6, A. Howe 4, J. Sneddon 3, C. Myers 2, R. Hobson 1, R. Frame 1, A. Reid 1, R. Neal 1, J. Hitchcock (Lake Macquarie) own goal, A. Wilson (West Wallsend) own goal.

CESSNOCK.—28: J. Barr 7, B. Williams 5, C. Almond 4, C. Mowatt 3, T. Sneddon 2, J. Lennard 2, J. Peel 2, J. Payne 1, A. Johns 1, R. Jackson (Mayfield United) own goal.

MAITLAND.—24: N. Scott 10, H. Schneider 4, S. Meyer 2, K. Frew 2, M. Parker 2, J. Meier 1, F. Rauch 1, K. Mirisch 1, F. Wood 1.

## News from Gunnedah . .

Semi-finals in local competitions are almost completed.

The only semis to be played are Under 16, where Ajax play Police Boys and a replay in Under 12, where minor premiers, Wolseley Independents held the game little Breeza side to a scoreless draw. This was a fair score, as both teams were evenly matched and gave one of the best exhibitions of team football seen this season.

The over 21 year olds have, so they say, taught the young twirps how the game should be played. The old blokes defeated the kids. This was a fair dinkum match, not an unfairly refereed game, as was played last Sunday when the juveniles also lost. The players had nothing to complain about as the referee cheated fairly for lean towards the aged.

Finals in the various grades will be between the following teams:—

Under 8: Ajax and Liverpool Plains United.

Under 10: Wolseley Independent and Curlewis.

Under 12: Not yet finalised.

Under 14: Ajax and Curlewis.

Under 16: Not yet finalised.

All Age: Wolseley Independents and Ajax.

Owing to the small number of towns competing in North West Association competitions, the inter-town competitions are complete. This is one of the main reasons why Gunnedah would like to gain admission to Northern League Third Division. The competition

our juniors would have quite a contest getting good enough to gain selection in the top team.

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## NORTHERN SOCCER LEAGUE NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Saturday, Aug. 29 at Adamstown

1.15 p.m.: Belmont-Swansea v. Charlestown (Reserve)

3.00 p.m.: Weston v. Belmont-Swansea

Sunday, Aug. 30 at Speers Point

1.15 p.m.: Adamstown v. Awaba (Alliance)

3.00 p.m.: Lake Macquarie v. Awaba

There are, including matches this weekend, three series of fixtures to be played in the Third Division . . . .

Here are the matches set down for next weekend:—

MACQUARIE WANDERS v. HAMILTON AZZURI

TORONTO DIGGERS v. BELLBIRD

THE ENTRANCE v. NEWCASTLE TECH. COLLEGE

NELSON BAY v. STOCKTON

NEW TEACHERS' COLLEGE v. SOUTH WALLSEND

BARNSELY, a bye.

## Wellham Tops S.M.H. Best and Fairest

John Wellham, Lake Macquarie's fine young stopper, has won the "Sydney Morning Herald" Best and Fairest player competition — and well does he deserve the success.

Wellham will receive £50 in cash and a replica of the "Herald" Cup.

Wellham scored 30 points and finished seven in front of Ron Giles, of Wallsend. Ken Twidle was third.

Giles will receive £30 and Twidle £20.

Wellham is the youngest player to win the SMH award.

Points awarded in the last series were—

MAYFIELD v. MAITLAND. — Judge, Sam Delves: A. Skelly (Mayfield) 3; M. Parker (Maitland) 2; N. Scott (Maitland) 1.

CARDIFF v. NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL — Judge, Alec Cameron: T. Garrett (N.A.) 3; R. Lloyd (N.A.) 2; K. Twidle (N.A.) 1.

WALLSEND v. LAKE MACQUARIE — Judge, Gavin Russell: R. Bullen (W.) 3; J. Wellham (L.M.) 2; R. Giles (W.) 1.

WEST WALLSEND v. ADAMSTOWN — Judge, Jack O'Brien: R. Cameron (A.) 3; B. Daykin (A.) 2; J. Dorman (A.) 1.

AWABA v. CESSNOCK — Judge, Percy Lennard: L. Sharp (A.) 3; R. Reynolds (A.) 2; R. Burgoyne (A.) 1.

## FINAL POINTS

The final points gained were—

30.—J. Wellham (Lake Macquarie).

23.—R. Giles (Wallsend).

21.—K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral).

20.—J. Meier (Maitland).

17.—R. Lloyd (Newcastle Austral), L. Sharp (Awaba).

16.—A. Skelly (Mayfield), W. Davies (Wallsend), J. O'Brien (Cardiff).

12.—R. McKenzie (Newcastle Austral).

11.—K. Gabriel (Lake Macquarie), J. McNally (Adamstown).

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## SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

The Second Division competition is drawing to a close with only the semi-finals and finals to be played of what has been an interesting closely contested competition and one that has shown a considerable improvement in the standard of play.

On Saturday the first semi-final will be played at Adamstown Oval between Pan Hellenic and Dudley-Redhead and this match should keep the spectators right on their toes, for in two meetings this year each team has secured one win with very little between them as taking the combined scores of the two matches shows Pan Hellenic leading 4-3.

One can expect to see a variation of styles of play in this match as Dudley-Redhead favours the longer pass combined with speed to the ball.

Pan Hellenic on the other what shooter slower type of game which will probably produce a battle for mid-field dominance and the tea

who can gain this dominance early should win.

The early game to this match will be the Second Division reserve grade semi-final between Weston and Young Wallsend.

The Third Division premiership table with three more matches to be played, still remains interesting with Hamilton Azzuri and Bellbird on equal points at the top of the table and then three points covering the next four teams, so it would appear that the semi-finalists will not be determined until the last match has been played.

This weekend could see some further changes in the positions on the premiership rather attractive fixtures involving the higher clubs.

On Saturday, Hamilton Azzuri will be at home to Barnsley and this should be a win for Azzuri, although one cannot afford to take Barnsley easily as they have acquired a habit of bobbing up when least expected. Hamilton Azzuri, after their defeat last week-

end, cannot afford to lose one point.

There are four matches listed for Sunday and two of them will have a strong bearing on the contestants who will be playing in the semi-finals.

South Wallsend will be at home to Nelson Bay, and with only three points separating the two teams, this match promises to be a real battle of the years.

Bellbird will be at home to Macquarie Wanderers who has practically an identical goal average to Bellbird but is five points behind them. Bellbird will be striving for a win, and a good win to improve their goal average over that of Hamilton Azzuri, whilst Macquarie Wanderers will be seeking a win in an effort to consolidate their strong bid for a semi-final berth.

In the remaining fixtures Stockton play The Entrance and this should allow The Entrance to further improve their position.

Newcastle Tech. meet Toronto Diggers and here it is expected the Diggers will win.

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### A code of ethics our players might well follow

The English Football Association has drawn up a code of ethics for players in the season which began last Saturday and which might, with profit to all concerned, be adopted by players in Australia.

Here are some of the things the English Football Association wants to see—and also does not want to see—during the next six months.

Among the "don'ts" are—  
Foul Play.  
Petulant play.  
Dull defensive tactics.  
Kissing and hugging among the players after a goal has been scored.

Supporters running on to the ground to slap players on the back.  
Bottles being thrown.

The association is asking for—

More scoring—at least four goals in every match.

Greater comfort for spectators and more consideration for them.

Better passing and control by players.

A curbing of temper.

A recognition that the referee is the boss.  
Acknowledgment, by action, that the game is only for the full fit.

Those are all laudable objects and, if the points bear fruit, will be for the benefit of the game.

They are matters of which players in our area might well take heed and follow.

Northern Soccer League

### OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

SATURDAY AT ADAMSTOWN  
SECOND DIVISION SEMI FINALS

Reserve Grade, 1.15 p.m.—

**Bel.-Swan. v. Charlestown**

Ref.: D. Thompson. Linesmen: P. Bird, H. Hill.  
3 p.m.—

**Weston v. Belmont-Swan.**

Ref.: H. Hall. Linesmen: P. Thompson, P. Bird.

SUNDAY AT SPEERS POINT  
FIRST DIVISION SEMI FINAL, 3 p.m.—

**Lake Macquarie v. Awaba**

Ref.: K. Urwin. Linesmen: G. Muir, W. Turner.  
ALLIANCE LEAGUE SEMI FINAL, 1.15 p.m.—

**Adamstown v. Awaba**

Ref.: A. Brown. Linesmen: G. Muir, W. Turner.

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